

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 48 and 57-64 are pending.

B. The Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejections Are Overcome

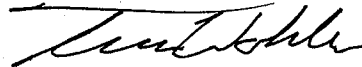
The Action maintains the rejection of claims 48 and 57-60 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11-13 and 15-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,383,806. The Action also maintains the rejection of claims 61-64 on the same ground as being unpatentable over claims 11-13 and 15-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,383,806 and further in view of Ferrari *et al.* (1997).

The Action states that the terminal disclaimer filed by Applicant on August 25, 2009, was not accepted because it was not signed by an attorney or agent of record. Accompanying this response, Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer signed by Mark Wilson, an attorney of record in this case. The rejections, therefore, are overcome.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2009. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicant's representative at (512) 536-5654.

Respectfully submitted,



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